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FOR COMMERCE: BEWT: ACTING DIRECTOR LEWIS BOWDEN

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SUBJ: US POLISH JOINT COUNCIL (CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE)

1. THE AMBASSADOR AND AN EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON DR WLODZIMIERZ WISNIEWSKI, PRESIDENT OF THE POLISH CHAMBER OF FOREIGN TRADE, ON NOVEMBER 19 TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT COUNCIL CALLED FOR IN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE POLISH CHAMBER AND THE US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. WISNIEWSKI SAID HE "OWED A LETTER" TO BROOKS MCCORMICK, CHAIRMAN FOR THE US SIDE, AND HOPED TO NASWER "NEXT WEEK."

2. WISNIEWSKI SAID POLAND HAD NOT YET SELECTED ITS CHAIRMAN. HE FELT THAT AN INDISTRIALIST, SUCH AS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF BUMAR ASSOCIATION, MIGHT NOT CARRY ENOUGH WEIGHT OUTSIDE HIS OWN INDUSTRY, HE CONSEQUENTLY FAVORED SOMEONE WITH BROAD AUTHORITY, FOR EXAMPLE A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON THE POLISH SIDE WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF INDUSTRY, TRADE, AND GOVERNMENT, HE ADDED. HE EXPECTED THAT A CHAIRMAN WOULD BE NAMED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. HE SAID THAT, AS SOON AS THE POLISH CHAIRMAN HAD BEEN CHOSEN, HE WOULD REPLY TO MR MCCORMICK; HE WOULD ALSO LET THE EMBASSY KNOW.

3. WISNIEWSKI SAID THERE WERE NO PLANS TO OPEN OFFICES
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THIS TIME. HE ENVISAGED THE POLISH-US COUNCIL AS SOMETHING BETWEEN THE US-USSR COUNCIL AND THE US-ROMANIAN COUNCIL. HE HOPED THAT THE US-POLISH COUNCIL WOULD GENERATE ITS OWN MOMENTUM AND OPERATE WITHOUT MUCH DIRECT SUPPORT FROM THE POLISH OR AMERICAN CHAMBERS. NONETHELESS, HE PLANNED TO RETAIN THE "SECRETARIAT" OF THE COUNTIL IN POLAND WITHIN THE POLISH CHAMBER.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS COUNCIL CAN BE A VALUABLE INSTRUMENT IN THE EXPANSION OF US-POLISH TRADE RELATIONS, AND ARE READY TO DO ANYTHING WE CAN TO ASSURE THE RAPID ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE JOINT ORGANIZATION.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION TO MR MCCORMICK, CHAIRMAN OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER.
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